Production of Drugs

2143. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the drugs produced indigenously as compared to its requirements; and

(b) the percentage of total production of drugs produced by the private drug Industries in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) On the basis of the total availability of drugs in the country during 1989-90 it is observed that approximately 70% of total requirements is met through indigenous production in the organised sector.

(b) The percentage of total indigenous production of drugs by private sector during the same period is about 9.5%.

Winding up of Branches of FCI

2144. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether some branches of the Food Corporation of India are likely to be wound up;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the number of such branches; and

(d) the total loss incurred by the Food Corporation of India during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The losses incurred by FCI on activities like handling of imported fertiiizers, distributions of foodgrains on behalf of State Governments, handling of gift consignments etc. during the last three years was as under:

1988-89	Rs. 7.53 crores
1989-90	Rs. 11.10 crores
1990-91	Rs. 7.95 crores

Production in Nagothane Project of Indian Petrochemicals Ltd

2145. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the date by which the Indian Petrochemicals Ltd (IPCL) was to commence production in the Nagothane Project In Maharashtra;

(b) the revised date by which the production will now commence;

(c) the details of loss, including loss on interest,due to the delay in commencement of the Production; and

(d) the reasons for the delay and the steps taken to minimise the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). The production In Nagothane Complex of IPCL was to commence in January 1990. While four projects including the Gas Cracker at the Complex have been commissioned and started production, two projects viz. Linear Low Density Polyethylene and Wire & Cable project are due for commissioning in January 1992 and February 1992, respectively.